

## Senior Services Adult Day Health Centers – 2000 Profile of Private Pay Participants

Number of private pay participants	140
Number of days of service for private pay participants	7,587
Total cost for private pay participants at \$55 per day	\$417,285
Average per day payment by private pay participants	\$34
Total revenue from private pay participants	\$257,958
Remaining expense for private pay participants	\$159,327
King County funding for private pay participants	\$128,676

In 2000, Senior Services served 315 older and disabled adults; the cost per day of service is \$55.00. 140 of the total participants (44%) do not receive Medicaid, State Respite, Senior Citizens Service Act, or Division of Developmental Disabilities funding; they are responsible to pay a daily rate based on a sliding fee schedule. The cost to the adult day health centers for the care of these participants accounts for 42% of the annual budget expense. The income from the fees they pay accounts for 26% of the budget revenue.

While the annual income level for a majority of these private pay participants is below 40% of the state median income (\$16,704 a year), they do not qualify for Medicaid or SCSA, primarily because their assets are above the \$2,000 Medicaid limit or \$10,000 SCSA limit. They do not qualify for State Respite if the caregiver does not provide at least twelve hours a day of care.

68% of these private pay participants are widowed, divorced or single; 70% live with adult children or a spouse, while 30% are in an adult family home or other assisted facility. The 42 families who pay privately for both an assisted facility and adult day health services are in many cases making a considerable sacrifice to provide enhanced care and oversight for their spouse or parent.

While the private pay participants all suffer from a multitude of chronic conditions, the most frequent diagnosis is Alzheimer's/dementia. Heart disease and stroke are next in frequency, followed by diabetes, mental illness (depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia), Parkinson's, lung disease, cancer,

and arthritis. Most of these participants are in their 80's; a dozen are 90 or more. The extent of disability and frailty requires both skilled nursing and rehabilitation services, as well as case management and personal care.

At a cost of \$55 a day, no reimbursement source pays the entire cost of adult day health service for any participant. Medicaid, for example, covers only 84%. Respite and SCSA reimburse on a sliding fee scale with 84 to 89% of costs covered at the top rate, descending to 5% at the bottom rate. The difference between revenue from private pay, Medicaid, Respite, SCSA & King County, and actual program costs, is made up through fund-raising and additional allocations from other municipalities and United Way.

Private pay participants with no other source of funding are paying 62% of the cost of their care. King County funds 31% (2,352 days of service) for these frail and multi-disabled elders of modest means.

Although our King County allocation is only 13% of the Senior Services Adult Day Health budget of \$1,000,588, its impact on the lives of families struggling alone to maintain their loved ones in the community is enormous.

Addendum:

(Note – The information in this addendum was obtained by CSD staff)

### **Adult Day Health Contributions For Senior Services Adult Day Programs**

The average contribution by a private pay client is approximately \$34 (average) per client, per day.

King County's contribution for private pay clients is approximately \$21 (average) per client, per day.

### **Adult Day Health Unit Rates\* For Other Agencies**

Per the Washington Adult Day Services Association, the following agencies (which are not member agencies of Senior Services) report their unit cost of providing adult day health services to be:

<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Unit Rate</u></b>
ElderHealth (4 sites throughout King County)	\$62 per day
Eastside Adult Day Center (2 sites)	\$62.21 per day

The Medicaid reimbursement rate averages 70 to 75% of the unit cost. For King County, the Medicaid reimbursement rate is currently \$45.82 (approx. 72% of the unit cost).

\*Unit Rate: The cost of serving 1 participant for one adult day health day. One adult day health day is equal to 4-5 hours.